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SUBJECT: ASEAN PROPOSAL FOR DIALOGUE ON JUNE 15-17

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1. AS SCHEDULED, EMBOFFS CALLED MAY 9 ON AMBASSADOR MANALO, WHO WAS INTERESTED IN USG REACTION TO DRAFT AGENDA TRANSMITTED VIA DFA NOTE NO. 10311 (MANILA 6381). THE ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE US/ASEAN AGENDA AT THE END OF THE MONTH, AND DFA THEREFORE WANTED TO TRANSMIT THE USG VIEWS SOONEST POSSIBLE TO THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES.

2. WE SAID WE HAD NO REACTION TO DRAFT AGENDA FROM
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WASHINGTON YET, BUT PROMISED TO SEND A FOLLOWUP. HOWEVER, OUR VIEWS ON AGENDA AND INEED PRECISE TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE RELATED TO LEVEL AND CHARACTER OF REPRESENTATION ON ASEAN SIDE; AND IN THIS RESPECT, WE SAID "WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARY PATERNO IS EXPLORING AND COORDINATING THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTRIES, IN ACCORD WITH WHAT WE UNDERSTAND

WAS SECRETARY ROMULO'S CONCURRENCE, AND WERE AWAITING HIS RESPONSE."

3. MRS. MANALO SAID THAT SECRETARY ROMULO HAS SAID NOTHING TO THIS EFFECT TO HER OFFICE. ALL SHE KNOWS IS THAT SECRETARY VIRATA HAS BRIEFED DFA ON THE MEETING AT THE ADB LAST MONTH WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HEGINBOTHAM. ACCORDING TO MRS. MANALO, SECRETARY VIRATA SAID HE WAS TAKEN BACK WHEN A DRAFT AGENDA WAS PASSED AROUND, FOR IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DFA WAS TALKING TO THE EMBASSY ABOUT THE MATTER. MRS. MANALO SAID THAT SECRETARY VIRATA SIMPLY ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. AS FOR PATERNO'S ROLE, SHE WOULD CHECK WITH SECRETARY ROMULO UPON HIS RETURN FROM TRIPOLI AND LET US KNOW THE OUTCOME.

4. MRS. MANALO EMPHASIZED THAT ALL ASEAN DIALOGUES ARE CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH THE PARTICIPATION AND FULL SUPPORT OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. THE DIALOGUES HAVE BEEN ALWAYS AT THE SUB-CABINET LEVEL, AND THE USG COULD BE SURE OF HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM THE ECONOMIC MINISTRIES. SHE CITED, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ASEAN/JAPANESE MEETING WHICH WAS OPENED BY WIDJOJO HIMSELF AND AT WHICH THE PRINCIPAL GOI DELEGATE WAS WIDJOJO'S REPRESENTATIVE, DR. ADRIANUS MOOY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AGENCY FOR FISCAL AND MONETARY AFFAIRS. AS FOR THE US/ASEAN DIALOGUE, THE GOP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY UNDERSECRETARY INGLES AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL ECONOMIC DEPARTMENTS.

5. MRS. MANALO WAS INCLINED TO DISCOUNT SECRETARY ROMULO'S ACCEPTING PATERNOSAS THE COORDINATOR OF THE MEETING. SHE SAID THAT IN THE FEBRUARY ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN MANILA ROMULO HAD SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS AND ENGOTIATIONS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS BE TURNED OVER TO THE ECONOMIC MINISTRIES. BUT THIS WAS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED, I.A., BY ADAM MALIK, WHO SAID THAT ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND MUST REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MALIK'S VIEWS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE OTHER ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, SAID MRS. MANALO.

6. WE HAVE NOT YET CONTACTED SECRETARY PATERNO, WHO RETURNED FROM PRC YESTERDAY, SUNDAY, MAY 8. WE ARE

SEEKING EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH HIM, OSTENSIBLY TO
DISCUSS HIS JAPANESE AND CHINESE TRIPS.
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